Mr. L. Vema Reddy.—

What guarantee is there that the new orders would be strictly observed?

First Member of Council.—

I might at once explain that the mistake, if any, is not altogether on the side of Government officers. The raiyats also do not carry out their part of the duties prescribed. At the recent meeting of the Deputy Commissioners it has been resolved to open a register for each tank, in which the officers of both the Revenue and Public Works Departments will be required to note the result of their inspection, whenever they visit the villages. This duty will be strictly enforced.

BY MR. BHASKARAPPA,—(Srinivasapur Taluk).

Q.—5. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) The number of minor tanks in the State not recieving adequate supply of water even for raising one crop.

(2) The total amount required for restoring these tanks to proper capacity.

(3) The period required for their restoration.

(4) Whether it is possible to undertake the restoration of these tanks entirely at the cost of Government at the outset, eventually recovering the raiyats' contribution in instalments ?

CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—

A.—5. (1) and (2) Information not readily available.

(3) Cannot be definitely stated.

(4) This is done as far as possible.

Supplementary Questions and Answers.

Mr Bhaskarappa.—

With reference to the answer to (1) and (2) may I know why the information is not readily available?

First Member of Council.—

If it is for a particular period or a particular area, it may be possible to collect the information; but for the whole

State, it is not possible as it will entail a very heavy cost without corresponding benefit.

Mr. Krishnamurtiachar.—

Why should not the Government verify whether the tank can irrigate the full atchkat under it?

First Member of Council.—

The atchkat is always fixed with reference to the capacity of the tank. If instances of the contrary nature are brought to notice, they will be enquired into.

Mr. Rame Gowda.—

Why should not permission be granted in such cases to convert wet lands into dry?

First Member of Council.—

Such permission can only be given if the Engineering Department agrees that the conversion is called for.

Mr. Krishnamurtiachar.—

Is it not desirable to fix a time limit within which all the tanks should be restored?

First Member of Council.—

It is not possible.

Mr. Krishnamurtiachar.—

Did not the *niduvalidars* in Manigottagollahalli execute a *mutchalika* several years ago to pay their contribution for the restoration of their tank, and if so, why was not that work taken up?

First Member of Council.—

The matter will be enquired into.

BY MR. B. K. RAMAKRISHNAIYA* (Mysore University).—

Q.—6. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) The name of the editor who has been entrusted with the publication of the Revised Mysore Gazetteer.

* Though Mr. Ramakrishnaiya has ceased to be a member, this question and answer have been retained as Mr. Y. V. Venkatasubbiah (Minority Interests) has put in a question to the same effect.